

Further Delay Seen In Summit Meeting

Some Delighted, Dismayed, Stunned

Rockefeller's Decision Hits Washington Like Bombshell

WASHINGTON (AP)—Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller's announcement that he will not be a presidential candidate hit politically deserted Washington like a bombshell Saturday.

Across the country politicians reacted with dismay, delight, or were just plain stunned.

Vice President Richard M. Nixon, who now appears to have the field wide open for next year's Republican nomination, played it coolly. The vice president issued this brief statement through his office:

"Gov. Rockefeller has made an excellent impression in the states he has visited in the past few months.

"People throughout the nation have recognized him as a leader of national and international stature.

"Regardless of the decision he has announced today, he is a man destined for continuing leadership in the Republican party and the nation in the years ahead."

This was a statement obviously calculated to soothe the feelings of ruffled Rockefeller fans and to win over their support as far as possible in the months between now and the July 25 nominating convention in Chicago.

It also could be construed as an implied invitation to Rockefeller to reconsider his stand against accepting a possible offer of second place on the ticket.

A number of Republican leaders expressed hope that Rockefeller would do just that.

President Eisenhower, who is barred by law from seeking a third term, kept his own counsel.

The president was informed of Rockefeller's announcement immediately on his return from a brief motor trip to visit his four grandchildren in Gettysburg, Pa. Anne Wheaton, the associate White House press secretary, told newsmen Eisenhower had no comment.

Nixon himself was not directly available. His press secretary, Herb Klein, told reporters that at the time the Rockefeller announcement was released, Nixon himself was out sightseeing with his two daughters and a nephew from California who has been visiting here over Christmas. Later, however, another Nixon aide, Don Hughes, told newsmen waiting at the vice president's home that Nixon had been home all afternoon and did not plan to go out before Sunday.

Democrats set out to make as much political capital as possible out of the development.

Gov. Edmund G. Brown of California, one of the possible contenders for the Democratic presidential nomination, said the Republican party has "turned deaf ears to a newer and more liberal voice than that of Vice President Nixon."

"The conservatives are in complete charge. I have a feeling Gov. Rockefeller's fate was all settled when Mr. Dewey got through talking to Mr. Nixon in Washington last weekend," Brown said.

A lot of other politicians recalled last week's unannounced visit to Washington of New York's former Gov. Thomas E. Dewey. Dewey, who played a major role in getting Eisenhower into the 1952 nominating race against the late Sen. Robert A. Taft of Ohio, dined with Nixon and some other leaders. The nature of their conversation was not disclosed.

Other Democratic presidential possibilities generally reserved comment for the time being. These included Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey of Minnesota who told newsmen he had nothing to say

Just Right

That spring weather on Christmas Day was ideal for trying out new bikes, doll buggies, skates, rockets and the family trash burner.

Rain northwest, showers and thunder storms east and south Sunday, strong southerly winds, turning colder extreme west by evening, highs 50s north to 60s south.

The temperature Saturday was 50 at 7 a.m. and 58 at 1 p.m. The low Friday night was 48. Rainfall Friday night, .04 inch.

The temperature one year ago today, high 52, low 28; two years ago, high 47, low 36; and three years ago, high 57, low 32.

Seek a Date Acceptable To Nikita

Ike Is Expected To Discuss Two Issues With Herter

WASHINGTON (AP)—Further delay in opening a springtime summit conference was foreseen Saturday by U. S. officials seeking a new date acceptable to Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev.

The summit timing problem is one of two urgent issues President Eisenhower is expected to discuss Monday with Secretary of State Christian A. Herter. If decisions cannot be reached by telephone consultation, Herter may make a flying visit to Augusta, Ga., Tuesday or Wednesday. Eisenhower will fly to the Georgia golfing resort Sunday for a week's rest.

The other major problem now awaiting top-level U. S. action is expiration of the 14-month-old ban on nuclear weapons testing. The suspension is set to expire at the year's end next Thursday midnight.

High administration officials said Saturday they are certain Eisenhower will order an extension into 1960 but that a final decision has not been made. In particular, the form of any announcement and the duration of the extension are considered important. Tentatively however, Eisenhower is expected to:

1. Order the moratorium continued indefinitely. No new deadline would be fixed. This would keep the way open for resumption of testing any time Eisenhower considers this necessary to U. S. security.
2. Put the Soviet Union on notice that in negotiations at Geneva steady progress toward an international inspection system will be required to keep the ban in effect.

The effect of these steps would be to continue the moratorium from week to week, with the Geneva negotiations under constant review. The big issue among the United States, Britain, the Soviet Union at Geneva, ever since the negotiations started 14 months ago has been to get agreement on an inspection system that would discourage cheating on a test ban treaty.

If—as now seems certain—the projected summit conference is sufficiently delayed, the test ban issue may come to a climax coincident with the meeting of Eisenhower, Khrushchev, President Charles de Gaulle of France and Prime Minister Harold Macmillan of Britain.

The best prospect, informants said, is for an opening date in middle or late May.

In Paris last weekend the Western Big Three agreed on April 27 and proposed it to Khrushchev. They suggested Paris as the site for what would be the first of a series of summits.

Khrushchev accepted everything but the date. He objected that it would keep him away from Moscow's huge May Day celebration.

Khrushchev countered with either April 21 or May 4 as opening date. But Western diplomats here and in Europe said those

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Dairy Tour Planned Tuesday Afternoon

The Dairy Building Tour announced last week by the county Extension office is being held this Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 29. It will include visits to a Grade C and a Grade A dairy barn. Two specialists from the University of Missouri Agricultural Extension Service will be assisting. The tour starts at 1:15 and will be over by 3:30. Refreshments will be served at the second stop.

The first stop is the Grade C set up at William (Bill) Duensing's. To reach Duensing's from the north or east, follow Highway C (Abel road) southeast about five miles to just across Walnut Creek. Turn right there a fourth mile, then south one mile and a fourth back west again.

From the south and west, turn off Highway 65 at Anderson School and come 4½ miles east. The second stop, at Tom Yeater's, is two miles west and two miles north of Duensing's.

Epstein Cleared Of Slaying

C. E. Burkholder Fatally Shot Friday Night in KC Tavern

Charles J. Epstein of Sedalia was cleared Saturday of any connection with the fatal shooting of Charles E. Burkholder in a Kansas City tavern Friday night.

Burkholder, 38, a former employee of a drug store chain and an uncle of Charles Marlow, who is out on bond under a charge of felonious assault in connection with the attempted holdup at Twin Acres last May, was shot and fatally wounded as he sat in the tavern quietly drinking beer.

Burkholder was shot Friday night in the stomach with a .45 caliber pistol. He died early Saturday morning without being able to tell his story to the police.

His assailant was one of two men who sat near Burkholder at the bar of the tavern. Witnesses said the two men drew pistols and ordered the customers to get down on the floor. One shoved the pistol into Burkholder's stomach and told him to "start begging," witnesses told the police.

The gunmen fled from the scene in an old model car.

Epstein came under suspicion of the homicide bureau of the Kansas City Police Department after the department learned of his connection with Marlow. Marlow is the man who told Sedalia officials that Epstein was the man who shot Verrel Martin, Twin Acres owner, during the holdup attempt. Epstein was tried and found innocent early this month.

At the time of Epstein's preliminary hearing on the assault charge, Marlow asked for protection, stating that Epstein and others had threatened him if he identified Epstein as the man who did the Twin Acres shooting. This led the Kansas City police department to suspect Epstein in the Friday shooting.

Epstein came to the Sedalia police station early Saturday morning, after learning that he might be suspected of the killing, and offered his services and cooperation to the local police.

Witnesses to the shooting, who say they can positively identify the killer, were brought from Kansas City Saturday afternoon.

Epstein voluntarily appeared before these witnesses, and they all agreed that he is positively not one of the men who did the shooting.

Rockefeller Says He Won't Be Presidential Candidate



WILL THIS BE YOUR LAST VIEW ON EARTH? — If you drive, don't drink, or this may be the last thing you'll see as you die on an emergency operating table—a doctor, a nurse and two ambulance attendants. Photographer Gene Hackley of the Los Angeles Mirror News made this picture to dramatize the perils of excessive drinking during the holidays. (AP Wirephoto)

Council Appeals for Greater Caution

Traffic Fatalities Set Pace Of More Than Six Per Hour

HOLIDAY DEATHS	
By The Associated Press	
Traffic	330
Fires	31
Miscellaneous	40
Total	401

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Traffic fatalities across the country over the Christmas holiday weekend held a pace of more than six an hour Saturday.

With the three-day holiday well into the second half of the 76-hour period, officials strove through strict enforcement of traffic rules to keep the final toll below the 530 deaths which the National Safety Council estimated might occur.

The council pleaded for greater caution on the part of drivers. A combination of highways made hazardous by ice and snow in many parts of the country, excessive speed and downright carelessness was blamed by the council for the mounting death toll.

Despite the stepped-up traffic enforcement, the number of traffic fatalities occurring hourly this Christmas weekend was keeping pace with the hourly toll last year when the holiday covered a 102-hour, four-day period.

The final count of traffic deaths for the 1958 holiday period was 559. During the most recent comparable three-day Christmas period—in 1955—a total of 609 persons lost their lives in traffic mishaps.

The record traffic toll for any holiday period was set during the four-day Christmas observance of 1956. That year 706 lives were lost in accidents involving motor vehicles.

A number of multiple deaths contributed to this year's traffic toll.

Eight persons, including three children, died when their automobile slammed at high speed into a steel and concrete blockhouse near Haverstraw, N. Y.

Six persons died in a two-car collision near Tchula, Miss. Five

others died in another two-car collision near De Quincy, La.

The count of dead from traffic accidents, fires and miscellaneous violence began at 6 p.m. Thursday. It will continue to midnight Sunday.

For comparative purposes The Associated Press conducted during a recent 78 hour nonholiday period a count of those killed in traffic, fires and miscellaneous accidents. Traffic deaths during the period totaled 324. There were 22 deaths from fires and 68 in other types of accidents.

17 Per Cent Increase in Population

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Census Bureau Saturday published new population estimates for all the states and said the national population has increased 17 per cent since 1950.

The bureau estimated that the total population was 176,365,000 on July 1. This compared with 150,697,361 at the time of the last big census on April 1, 1950.

Another census will be taken next April 1 and that will show a population of about 180 million.

Kansas gained 12.3 per cent, increasing from 1,905,299 in 1950 to an estimated 2,140,000 last July 1.

Missouri gained 7.3 per cent, going from 3,954,653 in 1950 to an estimated 4,243,000 last July 1.

Hawaii was not included in the midyear estimates because it did not become a state until Aug. 21. The total population including Hawaii was 177,021,000 on July 1.

Nevada showed the greatest population growth between the 1950 census and mid-1959. Its population expanded by 74.9 per cent. Florida was second with a 71.8 per cent gain.

Other big gainers included: Arizona, 64.5 per cent; Alaska, 48.2; Delaware, 42.7; California, 38.3; Hawaii, 31.2; Maryland, 29.4; New Mexico, 29.0; and Utah, 27.7 per cent.

Arkansas showed the biggest population loss—8.7 per cent. West Virginia was down 2 per cent and Vermont 1.4 per cent.

The West once again showed the greatest rate of population gain among the four major regions. Its population increased by 32.3 per cent, or nearly double the national average.

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James R. Belshé, also of Windsor, was injured and taken to the Windsor Hospital by the Sickman-Dunning ambulance. His injuries were believed to be of a serious nature. Belshé was a passenger in the car.

Condemned last month by federal order, the berries were ordered buried this week. With the marshal is Earl Burton, an inspector for the U. S. Food and Drug Administration. (AP Wirephoto)

'This Decision is Definite And Final,' Governor Says

ALBANY, N. Y. (AP)—Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller said Saturday he would not be a presidential candidate. "This decision is definite and final," the New York governor said.

Rockefeller also said he would not "entertain any thought of accepting nomination to the vice presidency even if the honor were offered."

The unexpected decision was announced in a statement passed out to newsmen by a Rockefeller aide at the state capital.

The Republican governor had made wide-ranging tours of the country in what was regarded as a sounding out of his chances for completing with Vice President Richard M. Nixon for the GOP presidential nomination.

These trips, Rockefeller said, had made it clear to him that the majority of the potential delegates to the 1960 GOP convention are opposed to any contest for the nomination.

"Therefore," the governor said, "any quest of the nomination on my part would entail a massive struggle—in primary elections throughout the nation—demanding so greatly of my time and energy that it would make impossible the fulfillment of my obligations as governor of New York."

"My conclusion, therefore, is that I am not, and shall not be, a candidate for nomination for the presidency," he declared. "This decision is definite and final."

Rockefeller was in Philadelphia Saturday visiting his wife's family.

The governor said he was deeply grateful to all of those who had urged him to run for the presidency.

"I hope and trust they will respect my decision and its reasons," he said.

"I hope my friends will respect this absolutely definite resolve," he added. "I believe I have chosen the right course. I shall do all in my power, as citizen and as governor, to make it a creative and constructive one."

Here is Rockefeller's statement: I have come to a definite decision with respect to my candidacy for the Republican nomination for the presidency. I have done so after long and serious reflection. And my decision has been dictated by clear and sharp convictions.

These convictions bear upon the two political roles that prescribe (Please turn to page 6, column 3)

Long and Losing Battle

Connelly and Caudle Near End of Line in Freedom Bid

ST. LOUIS (AP)—Matthew J. Connelly and T. Lamar Caudle, who once exercised power held by few men, are nearing the end of the line in their long battle to stay out of prison.

It has been a losing fight so far. And the two Truman administration officials have about exhausted their legal moves.

Barring a sudden change in their courtroom fortunes, the pair soon must surrender and start serving two-year prison terms for conspiring to defraud the government. They also were fined \$2,500 each.

The former officials, twice denied a review by the Supreme Court, are taking their case to the high court for a third time.

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But the former president has never faltered in his support of "Matt," who served during World War II as chief investigator for the Truman Senate Investigating Committee. Truman gave a deposition in Connelly's behalf during the trial.

In Boston last Sept. 19, speaking at a fund-raising dinner for his former secretary, Truman accused the Eisenhower administration of "hounding to death" some of the officials who served under him.

"I'm here to tell you that I'm going to keep after them until justice is done to this fellow," the former president said, pointing to Connelly.

The dinner produced about \$120, (Please turn to page 6, column 6)

The Ones You Didn't Get to Eat



BYE BYE CRANBERRIES — Part of a 20-ton lot of frozen cranberries cascades onto the city dump at Modesto, Calif., under the watchful eye of Deputy Marshal Charles Pomer, left.

Condemned last month by federal order, the berries were ordered buried this week. With the marshal is Earl Burton, an inspector for the U. S. Food and Drug Administration. (AP Wirephoto)

Ex-Music Teacher And Merchant Dies

KANSAS CITY (AP)—Charles F. Osterloh, 65, Moberly, Mo., retired music teacher and merchant, died Saturday at the Veterans Administration hospital here. He had been a patient there five months.

Retiring as director of musical activities in the Moberly schools about 13 years ago, Osterloh operated a music company until ill health forced final retirement two years ago.

Vice President of Cook Paint Co. Dies

FORT WORTH, Tex. (AP)—Andrew T. Seymour Jr., 57, vice president of Cook Paint & Varnish Co., died in a hospital Saturday after a brief illness.

Born in Kansas City, Mo., Seymour had been associated with the paint company since he was 17. He first came to Fort Worth in 1925 and had lived here continuously since 1935.

Seymour served as president of the Fort Worth Exchange Club in 1951. He was a member of Temple Masonic Lodge No. 299 in Kansas City.

He is survived by his wife; a son, A. T. Seymour III of Fort Worth; his mother, Mrs. A. T. Seymour Sr., of Kansas City, and two grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday in All Saints Episcopal Church, with burial in Greenwood Cemetery.

The Humorous Side

Typographical Boo-Boo Lights Up State News During 1958

By HARRY F. ROSENTHAL
Associated Press Staff Writer

"If you can sin or play a want you to come and bring a special number," read the invitation.

To a tawdry party? An after-hours joint?

Nope. The invitation was for pre-Easter services at the Parnell, Mo., Methodist Church.

The typographical boo-boo in notices sent out by the Rev. Louis Hubbard was one of the many amusing stories that brightened Missouri newspapers in 1958.

Love and divorce are serious business when you're involved. But if you're not, they can have a funny side.

February, the month of St. Valentine's day and 100-proof love, found one man in St. Joseph scouring the town vainly for a heart-shaped whisky bottle.

In the same town a woman filed for divorce after two months of marriage because she couldn't stomach her husband's jealous disposition. She was 70, the husband was 80.

And in Trenton, a woman told circuit clerk Harry Huff:

"I've been married two days and I want you to strike it off the books . . . just mark it out."

It was explained to her that it isn't as easy to get out of wedlock as it was to get in.

Before leaving the merry month of February it might be well to note the basketball game in which Bucklin High beat Browning 7-5 in what was a superb example of ball control. And the five Carthage boys who dubbed red and black paint on the house of their high school principal, Edward Rogers. As punishment they had to paint the whole side—one color.

March was a tough month for some public servants.

The car of Police Sgt. John McDonald was stolen from his home in Sedalia, keys and all—a folly McDonald had warned the public about for years.

Deputy Fire Chief Leo Grove of St. Joseph said, among other items, he lost his badge and uniform—in a fire at his home.

Sedalia's poundmaster, C. D. Weathers, was hot on the tail of Gus, an unattached 3-year-old St. Bernard, when he was frustrated by children who blocked his way and abetted Gus' escape.

Municipal Judge H. F. Patterson shamefacedly opened court at Columbia by fining himself \$24 for speeding—explaining he was doubling the usual fine to teach himself a lesson.

Setting out to serve divorce petitions, Deputy Sheriff Hallard Heald in St. Joseph was told at the first house "We've decided to try it again," and at the second "I've decided to take my husband

back on a 60-day trial." Heald called it a day.

He wouldn't have found Charles Newell in that sort of forgiving mood. Newell's divorce petition complained his wife, Bertha, continually nagged about the way he hung up his towels . . . ate his meals . . . combed his hair . . . his overweight . . . his rosy cheeks . . . his complaints when the wife's cat walked on the dining table . . . his complaints when she took the cat to bed with her. The petition added: "She informed me the cat was there first and took precedence over me."

Never again will judges in Buchanan County send out jury notices on April 1. It took deputies several days to convince the prospective jurors the notices were not April Fool jokes.

It was no joke to Mrs. Robert Kelly of Carthage when a \$5 bill disappeared from the bottle intended for the milkman. She suspected the same bird—a real one—that had swooped down and pilfered from bottles before.

In Macon, use of a huge vibrating machine, for shaking lime from railroad cars at the county soil service plant, was discontinued after nearby residents reported cracked walls, basements and one collapsed bed. And at 4 a.m. at that.

May was a time for correcting mistaken judgments.

Cassville had long wanted its name on the town's 100-foot water towers, but painters refused because it was too dangerous. One day the tower blossomed with the legend: "Juniors and seniors 59."

A Chillicothe theater made a last minute switch of fare for a movie party of visiting ladies at the state convention of the United Commercial Travelers. The program had featured "Torture of Slave Maidens," "The Fly," "Dracula's Daughter," and "Teen-Age Frankenstein." The substitute film: An exciting treatise on flower arrangement.

In June there were some embarrassing situations.

Just outside Trenton, a traveling salesman tossed an empty beer can out the car window. It landed on the roof of a highway patrol car. The fine: \$17.

Samuel P. O'Neal, of Maryville, Tenn., was hauled in by the state patrol for careless and reckless driving. While the summons was being written and O'Neal taken to the Buchanan County courthouse, Mrs. O'Neal was recording the proceedings with her movie camera. She told the officer: "Our friends will really enjoy this."

Firemen in Carthage roared up to the lumber company there to find that what the caller thought was smoke wasn't. It was fog left by the city's DDT sprayer.

It took three men in St. Joseph to hold back a 40-pound dog while patrolman Gayle Duckworth drove away on his motorcycle. The dog, apparently unhappy at the cycle's noise, kept Duckworth from the bike more than an hour.

Animal stories brightened July. One woman reported she solved the problem of her cat's nervousness at firecrackers. She fed him tranquilizers. And a parrot that pulled one of those "I won't come down from the tree" stunts, wasn't much trouble to St. Joseph firemen. They soaked him with a hose and the wet and indignant bird fluttered down.

In August, Kenneth Woods of Tarkio injured his left arm in a fall and thereby renewed an acquaintance. The surgeon, Dr. Lewis Campbell had operated on a World War II combat wound in the same arm 15 years before in a hospital in England. They hadn't seen each other since.

In St. Joseph a rug was glued and nailed to a busy side street to demonstrate its wearing qualities. The rug was gone the next morning. And a new church there took occupancy of a building that once was a night club. The bar serves as the pulpit.

Companionship was the theme for September. Patrolman Jim Stanley sent to a tavern in Joplin on a hurry-up call, found at a table a convivial character who said: "Sit down, have a drink. No trouble here. I just called police because I wanted to talk to someone."

The parole of a 17-year-old girl in Buchanan County was revoked because she had been consorting

with another person on parole . . . her husband of 3 weeks.

Pittsburg, Kan., High School was playing football at Carthage and a perfect pass interception was made when the whistle blew. Nobody knew why until referee Nelson Logsdon explained: "I coughed." The play was run over. And, elsewhere in the state a man explained why he didn't think it was necessary for his children to have polio vaccination shots. "We have polio insurance."

A 70-year-old woman was arrested for investigation in a St. Joseph supermarket after a collision of two grocery carts. Officers said she threatened a man with a billiard cue in the ensuing argument. And a family went to considerable expense to ship a sofa to Columbia. The explanation: The son, now a student at the University of Missouri, always felt he could study best while reclining on that sofa.

Three airmen driving near Webb City hit was they thought was a big dog. They were seeking the animal's owner when a passing hunter agreed to take care of everything. Next day the airmen found out the man wasn't just neighborly. He took the animal to the courthouse and collected a \$15 wolf bounty.

And in Chillicothe, an advertiser took his ad out of the paper, explaining he had rented his place to nice people.

"You know," he remarked to an ad taker, "you can't find many nice people any more. Everyone has children."

Hold Christmas Party

Circle No. 4 of the First Methodist Church held its Christmas party Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Cecil Ravenscraft, 919 South Ohio with a contributive dinner at 12:30 p.m.

Christmas music was enjoyed and games were played.

Plans were made for the shut-ins for Christmas and other business was discussed.

License Suspended

The license to sell 3.2 per cent beer by the drink, issued to Kenneth F. Turner, Eastwood Grocery, Marshall, has been suspended for 30 days, effective Jan. 11, the State Supervisor of Liquor Control has announced. The suspension is a result of sale to a minor.

This time his urgings may be

Moderate Inflation

Consumer May Lose Little Of His 1960 Buying Power

By STERLING F. GREEN

WASHINGTON (AP)—With good luck the consumer will lose only a little of his buying power to inflation in 1960.

Most government and industry economists foresee continued but moderate inflationary pressures through the year, with living costs rising perhaps 1 1/4 to 1 1/2 per cent.

A few, relying on the government's tight-money policy and the seeming absence of a runaway boom in any major segment of the economy, see what one official called a fair chance for growth without inflation.

Administration economists seldom make price forecasts for the record, and in their private predictions of recent years generally have guessed too low. This time most of them hedge their conservative estimates by noting that a resumption of the steel strike or an inflationary steel wage settlement could give extra momentum to the wage-price spiral.

It now takes about \$1.25 to buy what \$1 bought in 1947-49, the period on which the Labor Department's consumer price index is based.

About 1 1/2 cents of that dollar depreciation came in 1959, as the country recovered from the third postwar recession.

There have been some lulls but no significant declines in the upward march of prices since World War II. The longest lull, a nine-month stretch of almost absolute stability in the index, ended in March.

There are reasons to hope, most economists believe, that another period of reasonable stability, or only moderate increases, lies ahead.

On one point at least all agree: The government will maintain and perhaps intensify the squeeze on credit. Interest rates may go a bit higher before they level off and turn down.

Three times during 1959 the Federal Reserve Board boosted the discount rate—the interest which the reserve banks charge on loans to member banks. The discount rose from 2 1/4 per cent to 4 per cent.

Besides indirect control over credit, the government has virtually no anti-inflation weapon except the jawbone. This it will use liberally, officials predict, in exhorting management and labor to avoid excessive wage increases leading to price boosts.

President Eisenhower is expected to lay heavy stress, in his annual messages to Congress, on the necessity for reaching wage increase settlements which do not exceed gains in workers productivity.

This time his urgings may be

better heeded by management and labor. Both are aware that Congress, alarmed by the 116-day steel strike of 1959 and the threat that it may be resumed, may be tempted to clamp some unwanted federal restraints on the wage-making and price-setting processes.

Eisenhower's economic advisers strongly to the view that the "cost push" is the basic cause of modern inflation. This is the theory that the most potent inflationary force no longer is the classically recognized "pull" of buying demand, but the upward push of rising wages and other costs of doing business.

A number of factors apparently will be working in 1960, especially in the first half of the year, to moderate the inflationary pressures. Officials call attention to these, among others:

1. Federal financing will be less inflationary. In fiscal 1961, starting six months from now, a budget balance is expected.

2. Much of the money which corporations will need to replenish inventories and finance plant expansion will not have to be borrowed.

3. The steep increase in consumer credit, mostly in the form of installment contracts to buy autos and appliances, is expected to taper off in coming months.

4. Mortgage loans will be absorbing less of the supply of available credit. Because of high interest rates, the volume of home building and home buying is declining.

5. Stiffening competition, especially from foreign producers, will help hold consumer goods prices in check.

But the forces of inflation, it is reckoned, still have the upper hand. Among the forces which are expected to keep inflation creeping are these:

1. Strong consumer demand. Rising employment and wages are expected to increase the public's purchasing power by as much as in 1959, around 5 per cent.

2. Firmer food prices. They still are weak, but the economists believe the decline is close to the bottom.

3. Higher prices for services. The rise in the cost of consumer services shows no sign of slowing down. Nor does the prolonged climb of rents.

4. Tax bills. State and local taxes, it is indicated, will continue their relentless rise, with emphasis on new or increased sales levies which add directly to the cost of consumer goods and services.

Rhonda Marcum is Party Honor Guest

Mrs. R. V. Marcum assisted by Mrs. Tom Cooper at the home of Mrs. Cooper, Otterville, entertained a group of children Friday, Dec. 18, with a party on the birthday anniversary of her

daughter, Rhonda, who was three years old.

Guests were: Kim Marcum, Sedalia; Jimmie Marcum, Smithton; Randy Williams, Randy Marcum, Pam Cave, Marsha Cave, Debbie

Marcum and Dorcas Marcum.

Others present were: Mrs. Milton Paulwell, Mrs. Jake Marcum, Mrs. Marion Marcum, Mrs. Gus Marcum and Mrs. Lawrence Lee.

Games were played each child receiving a prize. Santa Claus arrived to the delight of the children.

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